

# Delaware

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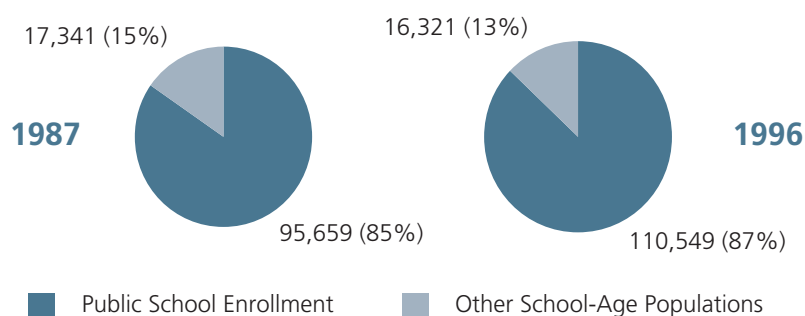
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## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

1987	1996	Demographics
95,659	110,549	Students in public elementary and secondary schools
167	183	Public schools
5,951	6,642	Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
2,057	2,057	Land area in square miles
46.5	53.7	Public school students per square mile
8.1	8.9	Public schools per 100 square miles

**Figure 1**

School-age population in public elementary and secondary schools



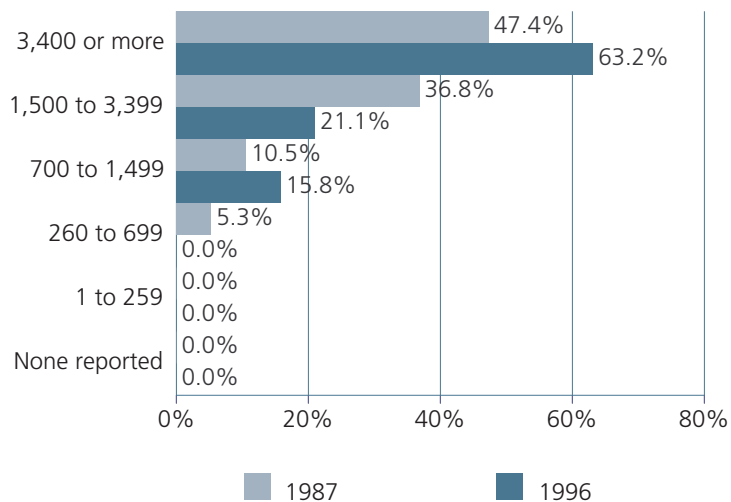
1987	1996	Fiscal summary
637	723	State population (in thousands)
\$3,142	\$5,756	State revenue per capita
\$2,686	\$4,652	State expenditure per capita
\$405	\$622	State expenditure for elem. and secondary education per capita
\$149,132	\$223,307	Gross state product per school-age child

## AGENCY/SCHOOL INFORMATION

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by type
100%	22	100%	24	Total public education agencies
86.4%	19	79.2%	19	Regular school districts
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Regional service agencies
13.6%	3	12.5%	3	State-operated agencies
0.0%	0	8.3%	2	Federally operated and other types

1987		1996		Distribution of agencies by number of schools
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	100 or more schools
4.5%	1	8.3%	2	25 to 99 schools
31.8%	7	20.8%	5	10 to 24 schools
22.7%	5	29.2%	7	5 to 9 schools
27.3%	6	29.2%	7	1 to 4 schools
13.6%	3	12.5%	3	No schools reported

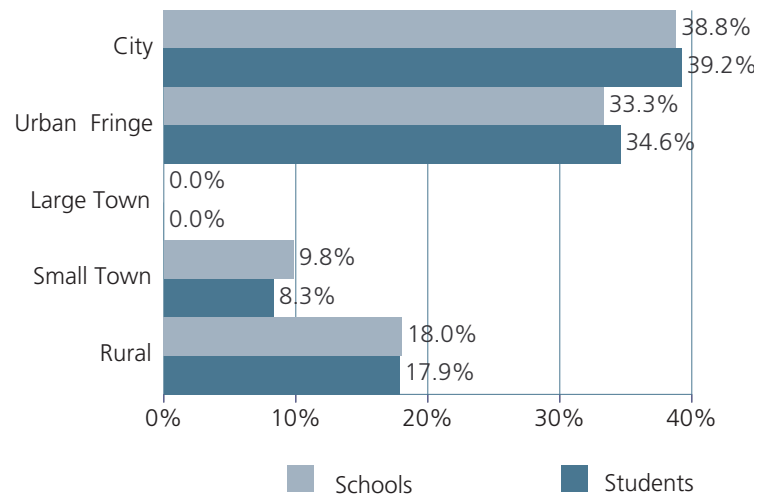
**Figure 2**  
Regular school districts by student membership size



1987		1996		Distribution of schools by type
100%	167	100%	183	Total public elementary and secondary schools reported
86.2%	144	80.3%	147	Regular schools
10.2%	17	15.3%	28	Special education schools
3.6%	6	2.7%	5	Vocational schools
0.0%	0	1.6%	3	Other and alternative schools

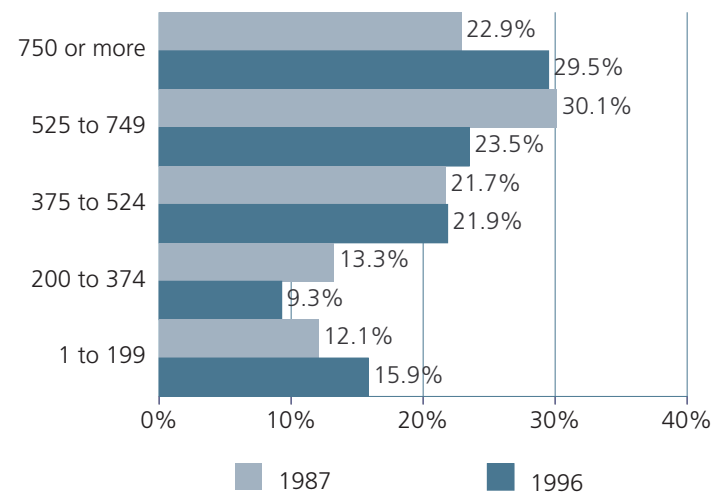
**Figure 3**

Distribution of public schools and students by type of locale: 1996-97



**Figure 4**

Public schools by size of student membership



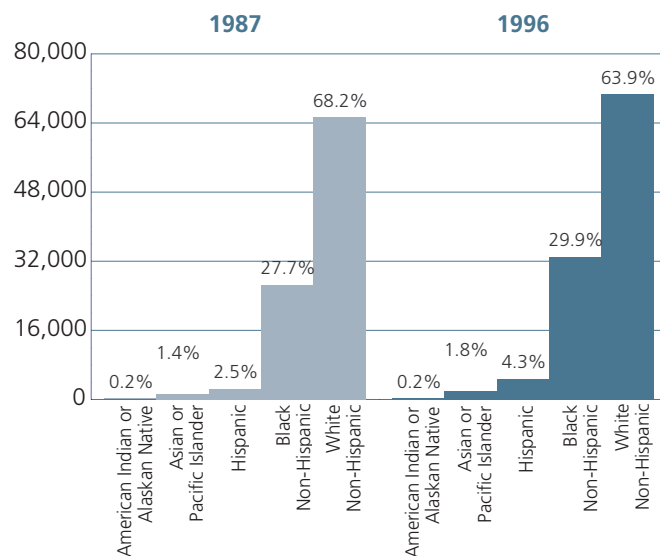
1987		1996		Number of public schools by grade span category
37.1%	62	35.0%	64	PK, K, 1 to 3, 4, 5, 6
0.6%	1	1.6%	3	PK, K, 1 to 8
10.8%	18	15.8%	29	4, 5, 6, to 6, 7, 8
7.8%	13	5.5%	10	7 to 8, 9
3.6%	6	1.6%	3	7, 8 to 12
14.4%	24	16.4%	30	9, 10, 11 to 12
25.1%	42	24.0%	44	Other grades
0.0%	0	0.0%	0	Ungraded
0.6%	1	0.0%	0	Not reported

## STUDENT INFORMATION

1987	1996	Public school membership by grade
281	597	Prekindergarten
7,772	8,002	Kindergarten
9,103	8,831	First
7,941	8,480	Second
7,455	8,752	Third
7,027	8,329	Fourth
6,786	8,618	Fifth
6,570	8,610	Sixth
7,068	8,942	Seventh
6,711	8,820	Eighth
7,684	10,057	Ninth
7,576	8,956	Tenth
6,818	7,108	Eleventh
6,867	6,447	Twelfth
—	—	Ungraded

**Figure 5**

Public school student membership by racial/ethnic category

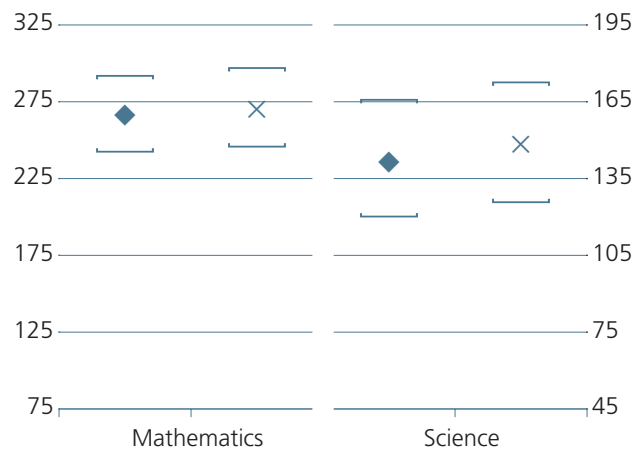


1987	1996	
—	12.0%	Students in special education with IEPs
18.7%	29.9%	School membership eligible for free lunch
—	15.6%	School-age children below poverty

1987		1995		High school completers and dropouts
81.5%	5,895	88.3%	5,609	Regular diploma
6.6%	479	4.0%	251	Other diploma
10.8%	784	6.7%	427	High school equivalency
1.0%	74	1.1%	67	Other completers
—			4.5%	Dropouts
			59.8%	Dropouts who were male
			40.6%	Dropouts who were minority

**Figure 6**

Grade 8 1996 Mathematics and Science average scale scores for the state (◆) and nation (×) and the 25th (—) and 75th (—) percentiles



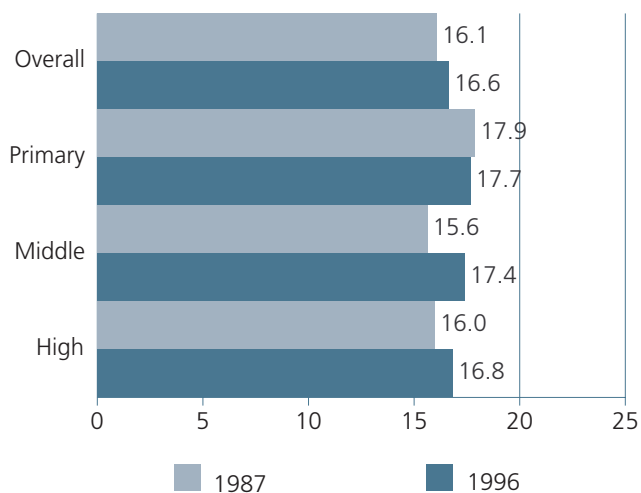
Grade 4	Grade 8	1996 Mathematics and Science achievement levels
215	266.7	Average Mathematics scale score [scale 0 to 500]
46.4%	44.9%	Students below basic level
53.6%	55.1%	Students at or above basic level
15.9%	18.9%	Students at or above proficient level
1.4%	3.0%	Students at advanced level
—	141.6	Average Science scale score [scale 0 to 300]
—	49.1%	Students below basic level
—	50.9%	Students at or above basic level
—	20.6%	Students at or above proficient level
—	1.2%	Students at advanced level

## STAFF INFORMATION

	1987		1996	Educational staff
100%	10,790	100%	12,203	<b>Total education staff</b>
				<b>Instructional staff</b>
55.2%	5,951	54.4%	6,642	Teachers
6.7%	718	7.4%	898	Instructional aides
				<b>Support staff</b>
1.6%	174	1.8%	221	Guidance counselors/directors
1.6%	175	1.3%	154	Librarians/library support
6.9%	741	7.0%	849	Administrative support
23.3%	2,512	23.6%	2,878	Other support services
				<b>Administrators</b>
3.5%	374	3.4%	414	School-based
1.3%	145	1.2%	147	School district officials/administrators

**Figure 7**

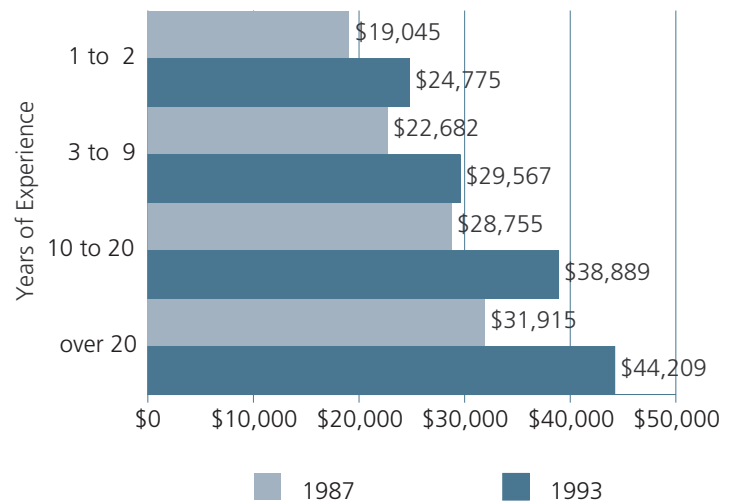
Average number of students per teacher, by grade level



	1987		1996	
	1.2		1.2	Teacher to all other staff ratio
	11.5		11.8	Teacher to administrator ratio

**Figure 8**

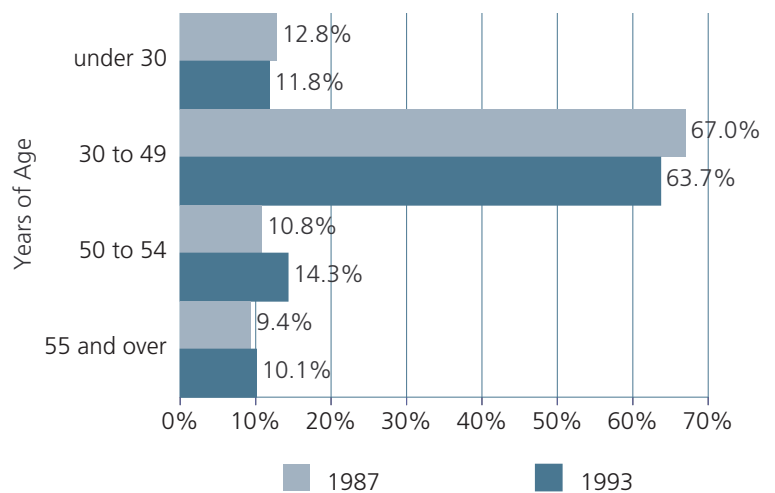
Average salary of full-time teachers  
by years of experience



1987	1996	
\$18,224	\$25,937	Average beginning teacher salary
\$29,573	\$42,424	Average teacher salary

**Figure 9**

Distribution of public school teachers  
by age



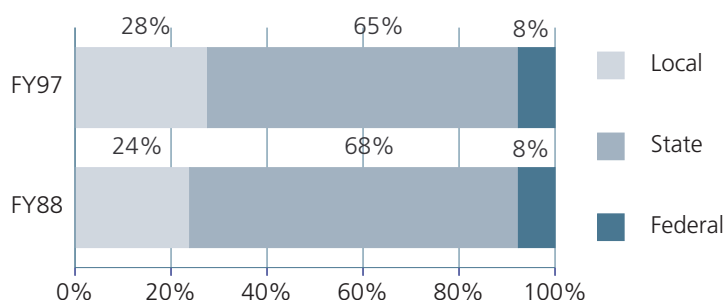
1987	1993	Preparation of teachers: highest degree earned
0.2%	0.5%	Public school teachers with no degree
66.4%	46.0%	Public school teachers with a Bachelor's or lower degree
27.6%	48.3%	Public school teachers with a Master's degree
5.8%	5.2%	Public school teachers with a degree beyond Master's

# FISCAL INFORMATION

FY88	FY97	Federal aid to education under selected programs (in thousands of current dollars)
\$5,328	\$12,079	National school lunch
\$981	\$2,779	National school breakfast
\$14,509	\$17,631	Title I
\$4,511	\$10,063	Education for the handicapped
\$4,905	\$5,473	Vocational and adult education
\$3,903	\$7,656	School improvement
\$65	\$49	School assistance (federally affected areas)
\$50	\$168	Bilingual education
—	—	Indian education

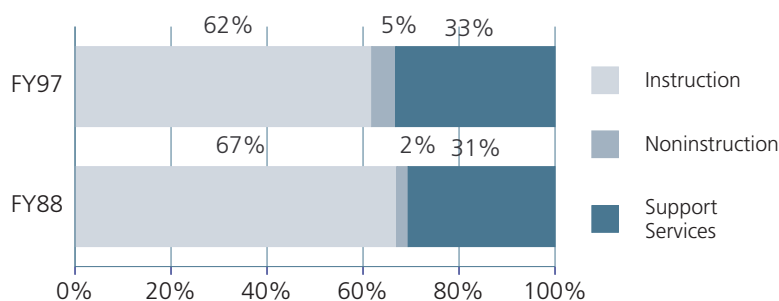
**Figure 10**

Revenues by source



**Figure 11**

Current expenditures by function



FY88	FY97	Revenues and expenditures (in current dollars)
\$464,318	\$878,326	Revenues (in thousands of dollars)
\$4,854	\$7,945	Revenue per pupil in membership
\$440,631	\$788,715	Current expenditures (in thousands of dollars)
\$4,606	\$7,135	Current expenditure per pupil in membership